

Claims 1-26 (Canceled)

27. (New) A vocal valve²⁶ to be mounted to a tracheostomized person's neck, comprising:

an air passage²⁴ to be connected to the tracheostoma for connecting trachea with atmospheric surroundings;

a check valve²⁸ member in the air passage normally closed but allowing inhalation through the air passage; and

a manually adjustable^{handie} member comprising a housing for establishing a free air flow through the air passage at inhalation as well as exhalation. ^{Fig. 2} ^{see Attach.}

28. (New) The vocal valve according to claim 27, wherein the housing encloses [the vocal valve member] said housing being rotatably mounted to a bottom plate for connection to the tracheostoma.

29. (New) The vocal valve according to claim 28, further comprising:
a heat and moisture exchanging element provided in the air passage.

30. (New) The vocal valve according to claim 29, wherein the interior of the housing through at least one opening in the wall of the housing communicates with the atmospheric surroundings via the heat and moisture exchanging element.

31. (New) The vocal valve according to claim 30, wherein the heat and moisture exchanging element is detachably mounted to the housing on the outside surface thereof.

32. (New) The vocal valve according to claim 30, wherein the check valve member is constructed to cover in the closed position thereof the opening and to block the air passage there through.

33. (New) The vocal valve according to claim 32, wherein the check valve member comprises an elastic membrane which is constructed to keep the opening uncovered in a relieved condition thereof.

34. (New) The vocal valve according to claim 33, further comprising:

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a member which is displaceable by rotating the housing in relation to the elastic membrane is constructed to keep the elastic membrane in a position covering the opening in one rotated position of the housing, and to allow the relieved condition of the elastic membrane with the opening uncovered in another rotated position of the housing.

35. (New) The vocal valve according to claim 32, wherein the check valve member comprises an elastic membrane which is constructed to take a position in a relieved condition thereof wherein the opening is covered.

36. (New) The vocal valve according to claim 35, further comprising:

a member displaceable by rotation of the housing in relation to the elastic membrane is constructed to keep the elastic membrane in a position in which the opening is uncovered, in one rotated position of the housing.

37. (New) The vocal valve according to claim 36, wherein the displaceable member is mounted stationarily on the bottom plate and that the elastic membrane is located on the inside of the wall of the housing to be rotatable together with the housing.

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